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In each issue of Koholā Connection, we will feature information on how people are making a difference for the marine environment in Hawai'i. If you know of an individual or group that is making a difference, e-mail us at [hihumpbackwhale@noaa.gov](mailto:hihumpbackwhale@noaa.gov).

## Green Corner

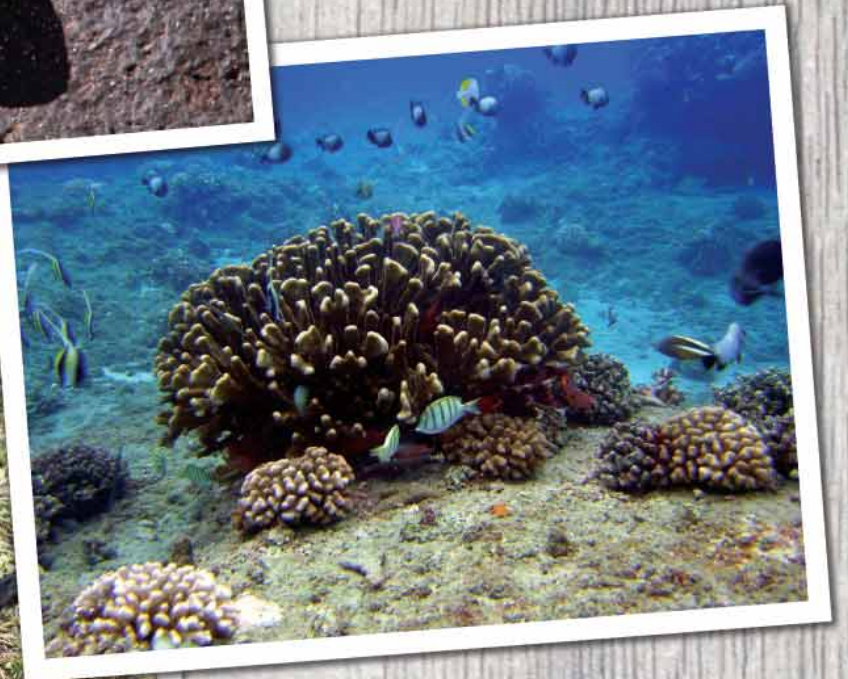
**The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council is “going green.” At the last council meeting, members agreed to receive future meeting documents electronically, which is expected to reduce the amount of paper the council uses by over 3,000 sheets per meeting!**

**Have a unique idea for how to “go green”? E-mail us at [hihumpbackwhale@noaa.gov](mailto:hihumpbackwhale@noaa.gov).**



# Sanctuary Snapshots

In each issue of *Koholā Connection*, we will feature a few of our favorite “Sanctuary Snapshots.” Submit your favorite photos of marine wildlife, scenery or people enjoying the sanctuary along with your contact information to [hihumpbackwhale@noaa.gov](mailto:hihumpbackwhale@noaa.gov).



Credits (clockwise from top): *Monk Seal* by Donna Lee, *Monk Seals and Turtle* by Fiona Langenberger, *Underwater Scene* by Donna Loudon, *Albatross Chick* by Robert and Barbara Billand and *Turtle* by Noelle Shaughnessy.



# Upcoming Events



## Public Invited to Participate in Management Plan Review (MPR)

The management plan of the sanctuary is currently being reviewed. The public is encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity to participate and comment during the review process. In addition to other issues, sanctuary staff are particularly interested in hearing from the public about potentially increasing the scope of the sanctuary to include other whales and dolphins, sea turtles, critically endangered Hawaiian monk seals, and maritime heritage resources such as shipwrecks and downed WWII-era aircraft.

For more information, visit our Web site at [www.hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov](http://www.hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov) and join the MPR Listserve for updates, call 1-888-55-WHALE, or e-mail [hihwmanagementplan@noaa.gov](mailto:hihwmanagementplan@noaa.gov).

## Students Go to Sea on the NOAA Ship *Hi'ialakai*

In November, high school students on the islands of O'ahu, Moloka'i and Lāna'i will have the opportunity to spend a day at sea on the NOAA research vessel, *Hi'ialakai*. Students will participate in activities that marine scientists regularly conduct on research cruises. They will

use digital scopes to examine plankton found in deepwater plankton tows, identify invertebrates found on rock samples from the seafloor, participate in water quality studies, and learn about seafloor mapping, navigation and ship operations. The goal of the education cruises is to encourage students to pursue careers in ocean sciences and to be good stewards of the marine environment. For more information, please contact [patty.miller@noaa.gov](mailto:patty.miller@noaa.gov).

## Ocean Awareness Training

Environmental organizations on Maui and O'ahu are working together to offer Ocean Awareness certification courses to the community. Participants learn about current ocean conservation efforts and opportunities to get involved. Training topics include the marine ecology of the Hawaiian Islands, protected species, threats to coastal and marine environments, marine life identification, and more. Instructors include university scientists, government agency staff, environmental educators, and conservation practitioners.

Participants are required to take part in all sessions and a three-hour field project in order to receive certification. The program is recommended for those employed or volunteering in the fields of marine education or ocean recreation, or those interested in doing so. Don't miss your chance to take part in this multi-disciplinary course that provides knowledge of Hawai'i's unique marine environment.

Visit the Ocean Awareness Training Web site at <http://oceanawarehawaii.org> to find out more about upcoming sessions. Locations and times vary.



A Selection of Winning Entries from the

## 2009 OCEAN CONTEST

*I wish I was a humpback too*

I wish I was a humpback too  
So I could swim in depths of blue  
Throughout the day I'd blow my spout  
With other whales I'd frolic about  
I'd swim very far up and down the coast  
And wave my tail to who I like the most.  
Being a humpback would be cool.  
If I were one I would sing a whale song for you.

*Dylan Lipps, 2nd Grade,  
Sunset Beach Elementary School*

View more winning entries by clicking on the "Galleries" button on the sanctuary's Web site.

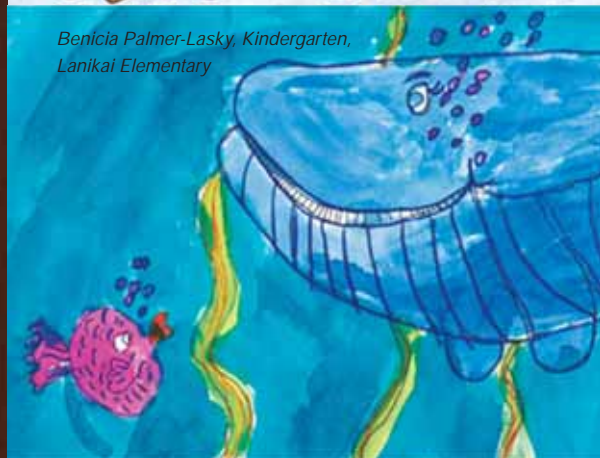
## Shake a Tail

*William Wong, 5th Grade,  
Innovations Public Charter*

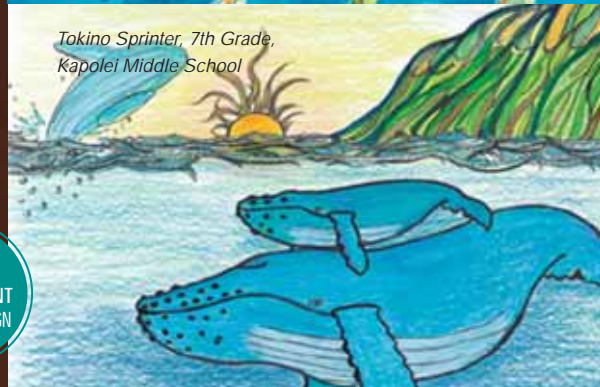


## Save the Whale

*Benicia Palmer-Lasky, Kindergarten,  
Lanikai Elementary*



*Tokino Sprinter, 7th Grade,  
Kapolei Middle School*



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## About the Sanctuary

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary lies within the shallow, warm waters surrounding the main Hawaiian Islands and constitutes one of the world's most important humpback whale habitats. Through education, research and resource protection activities, the sanctuary strives to protect humpback whales and their habitat in Hawai'i.

## Vision/Mission

The sanctuary works collaboratively to sustain a safe and healthy habitat for the North Pacific stock of humpback whales (koholā). As a community of ocean stewards, the sanctuary strives to achieve a balance of appropriate uses, inspired care taking, enlightened understanding, and effective education to ensure the continued presence of the koholā for future generations. The sanctuary endeavors to do this with harmony, hope, respect, and aloha o ke kai (love of the sea).



## Koholā Connection Is Available Online

*Koholā Connection* is available on the sanctuary's Web site, [hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov](http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov). Help us "go green" by registering to receive future editions online.

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